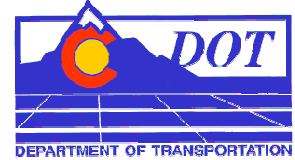


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TO: Statewide Plan Committee of the Transportation Commission

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SUBJECT: Managed Lanes Policy

Purpose: To ensure the use of managed lanes is consistently considered during the planning and development of capacity improvements, staff developed a draft Policy Directive (enclosed) that requires managed lanes be considered for all capacity improvements where congestion relief is the primary goal.

Action Requested: Review and comment on Managed Lanes Policy and recommend Transportation Commission action in December.

Background: A Work Group was formed in late 2011 and met monthly through early summer 2012 to discuss adoption of a CDOT policy on Managed Lanes. The Work Group was led by DTD and consisted of the Chief Engineer and representatives from HPTE, 3 RTDs, Staff Branches, Traffic Engineering, Government Relations, ITS and the Public Information Office. The Work Group reviewed information on policies and operating characteristics of Managed Lanes in other states prior to drafting a CDOT policy directive and guidelines.

On July 6, 2012, President Obama signed into law P.L. 112-141, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). This legislation identifies national goal areas of transportation system reliability and congestion reduction, among others, and requires states to set targets and measure progress toward these goals. The Department recognizes that Managed Lanes are one strategy with the potential to improve transportation system reliability and achieve congestion reduction.

The draft policy directive and guidelines has been reviewed with the following groups within CDOT: Senior Management Team, Region Transportation Directors, Region Planning and Environmental Managers, PE IIIs, Statewide Plan Team, Traffic Engineers, and Maintenance Superintendents. Comments and concerns from these groups have been addressed.

The attached policy directive and guidelines are therefore being presented to the Statewide Plan Committee for discussion and recommendation to the Transportation Commission.

Information

Information attached includes, the Managed Lanes Policy Directive, Resolution and Draft Managed Lane Guidance. The guidance is intended for use by CDOT staff in implementation of the Policy Directive and initiating consideration of Managed Lanes. The intent is that this initial guidance would be expanded and updated as applicable.